

**Venice Nokomis Woman's Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2020**

Liz Mazzu, President, called the meeting to order at Blalock Park at 1:30 PM. Due to Covid 19 precautions of individual members touching paper copies of the collect, Liz read "A Collect for the Woman's Club". Liz reminded us that we have a January tour of the Rookery coming up. In February we will be getting a tour by VABI (Venice Area Beautification Inc.). We were told to "get ready to be dazzled". We will be walking on a trail in the Urban Forest and should wear sneakers. In March we will have a speaker coming with more information to follow.

Liz said we had a great response to the request for donated cans and goods to the needy located at Gold Rush restaurant. Also we had 19 women take Salvation Army angels to fill up and donate. Volunteers are needed to prepare bags for the Salvation Army.

Community Outreach

Ellie Vick our Community Outreach Chair reported on the decoration of our holiday tree at Blalock Park. Lorraine Finizio, Lisa Ketner and Vicki Hazle helped decorate the tree. Also, a special thanks to Ellie Vick's husband and son for helping with the lights.

Director at Large

Lorraine Finizio reported that volunteers will prepare the Salvation Army bags for parents to pick up. The bags can be filled with items such as toys, clothes and books. The volunteers are Carol Potter, Lisa Ketner, Margie Simcox, Laura Hester, Myrna Goldbaum, Aimee Holmes, Pat Creech, Vicki Hazle, and Linda O'Brien.

Minutes

Liz asked for a motion to get the November 19 General Membership Meeting Minutes approved. Joan Brinton made the motion. Myrna Goldbaum seconded the motion. All approved

Director of Fundraising

Trisha Cook reported that the VABI trees will be lit up tonight 6-10PM until Jan. 1. Wear a mask and stay 6ft. apart, if you visit. She also asked us to bring in any toiletries for teenagers for Backpack Angels.

Membership

Laura reported that VNWC elections are coming up in March. A members nominating committee will need to be put together. We will need a Treasurer and Director at Large. Lorraine Finizio is currently filling in the Director at Large position. Joan Brinton will step down as Treasurer at the end of her term. She reports that it will be helpful to know how to balance a checkbook, do excel spreadsheet (she will teach) and read her cliff notes. She will assist the next member with learning the job.

Laura said it always makes you feel proud and good to be doing work for the Club.

Two new members were installed in the Club today, Tish Murphy and Joanie Leeds.

Ellie Vick was wished a happy December birthday.

Liz introduced 2 fun holiday quizzes to play to close the meeting. Gayle Famy won the prize!

Liz wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. She hoped for us to have a peaceful and enjoyable holiday. She thanked us for our spirit of giving.

Tricia Cook made a motion to adjourn.

Verna Silk seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Submitted by

Pat Church

Secretary